

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. - 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) A pipe assembly for installation in a borehole, the pipe assembly comprising:

- (a) a pipe, wherein the pipe is comprised of a protective coating; and
- (b) a flexible sleeve surrounding the pipe, wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a continuous length of a flexible sleeve material.

25. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve material is seamless.

26. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven material.

27. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a woven polyester material.

28. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 25 wherein the flexible sleeve material is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester material.

29. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 27 wherein the flexible sleeve material is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.

30. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of a hose.

31. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 30 wherein the length of the hose is continuous and seamless.

32. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 31 wherein the hose is comprised of a woven polyester hose material.

33. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 31 wherein the hose is comprised of a twill weave woven polyester hose material.

34. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 32 wherein the hose is further comprised of a thermoplastic polyurethane material.

35. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the flexible sleeve is comprised of a length of an industrial hose.

36. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24 wherein the pipe has a pipe length and wherein the flexible sleeve surrounds the pipe along substantially the entire pipe length.

37. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a coupler for holding the flexible sleeve on the pipe.

38. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 37 wherein the coupler is located at an end of the pipe.

39. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 38 wherein the coupler is comprised of an inner member connected with the pipe and an outer member for connecting with the inner member such that the flexible sleeve is disposed between the inner member and the outer member.

40. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 39 wherein the coupler is further comprised of a plurality of fasteners for connecting the outer member with the inner member.

41. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 40 wherein the plurality of fasteners is arranged in a staggered configuration such that none of the fasteners are longitudinally aligned.

42. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 39 wherein the outer member is comprised of an inner surface for engaging the flexible sleeve and wherein the inner surface is

comprised of a gripping surface for resisting movement of the flexible sleeve relative to the inner surface.

43. (Original) The pipe assembly as claimed in claim 42 wherein the gripping surface is comprised of rubber.